

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

I know that some of our students will feel anxious about returning next week and the plans for the three tests, so I wanted to share with you the dates of when this will happen for each year group, so they are aware. As mentioned in my letter last week, we have made a video to show how this is done so students can watch this in advance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2J0A8T3BQ1I&feature=youtu.be>

Screens will be in place so that students cannot see each other get tested. If parents/carers feel that they would like to carry out **testing** on their child themselves or to arrange for testing elsewhere this is also ok but please do let me know. Each day students will be allocated a time, which they will be notified of via their mentor. Students will be asked to go to the sports hall to be tested at that allocated time. Once students have been tested three times on site, we will be providing students with a home testing kit which will enable you to do this at home rather than on site as per the government instructions: <https://www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/covid-testing-in-schools>

As a reminder, ALL students will be expected to wear a **face covering** on their return to school, and will need to wear this indoors at all times, unless they are medically exempt, in which case they will wear a lanyard. Students will have the opportunity to be outside at both break and lunch time, so they can remove their face covering then if they wish. Students must also wear a face covering for the school bus, otherwise entry will not be allowed.

Face covering **MUST** also be worn on the **school bus**. This is a requirement from the bus company to protect students and their drivers. If you are concerned by this, you may need to find an alternative method of transport until this advice changes, such as walk, cycle or car.

We expect all students back in **full uniform** including appropriate hairstyles and school shoes, so please ensure these are tried on prior to the return next week. We do have a number of spare uniform items so if you are needing anything please contact [dbyford@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:dbyford@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) . If your child has PE, they may attend in PE kit as was the case previously. However, could you please ensure they have an additional pair of shoes/trainers with them, to avoid mud being walked through the interior of the academy. Please ensure your child has the correct equipment i.e. school bag, student journal, pens, pencils etc ready for their first day back. A reminder that we will no longer be selling drinks in plastic water bottles, we provided all students with a water bottle last term so please ensure these are brought to school, as the water filling stations will be ready to be used from Monday 8th. New drink stations have been put around the school so each bubble has access now with extras added. Could you also please ensure that there are sufficient funds on your child's parentpay account prior to their return.

Next week our **timetable** will revert back to how it was last term i.e. staggered breaks/lunches for all and a shorter break and lunch which will start from Monday 8th. In their first mentor time back we will take time to discuss these issues and answer any questions that they may have, and remind all students about where their bubble is. Students

will be in the same bubbles as last term and use the same toilets etc, no changes have been made.

Just to confirm when students will return to school:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>: Year 12, 13 and Year 11  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>: Year 10  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Year 9  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Year 8  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup>: Year 7

**Key worker** students will attend as required that week, please ensure you have informed Terri Penberthy [tpenberthy@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:tpenberthy@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) to reserve a space, as rooms will be changed due to students returning.

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	08/03/20 21		09/02/20 21		10/02/202 1		11/02/20 21		12/02/20 21		15/03/20 21		16/03/20 21		17/03/202 1		18/03/20 21		19/03/20 21	
Year Group	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
12/13	Yellow							Yellow					Yellow							
11	Blue							Blue					Blue							
10			Purple							Purple				Purple						
9					Orange					Orange					Orange					
8							Yellow					Yellow						Yellow		
7									Green				Green						Green	

I am sorry that so much information is coming out but I want to ensure you are all prepared and have everything you need to return successfully.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries:  
[ebaker@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:ebaker@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,



Emma Baker  
 Principal